(Copy of Dick Sprague's January 24th Letter)

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Dear Fred:

In response to your January 13 letter, I thought I had covered with you the Roger Craig -- false secret service man who resembled Bradley -- bit. Roger is to be believed. Look at Murray 1-6 and you'll find him back in the parking lot (behind the fence in the knot of men) right where he said he was at 12:34. Also Jim Darnell can be seen near Roger, and an interview with him confirms that he ran back there with Craig.

Next, Murray 1-20 and 1-21 taken at 12:40 or 12:41, show the station wagon Roger says he saw at just about that time. It's about the fifth or sixth vehicle in the extreme right hand lane of Elm Street. The cars are queued waiting for a big truck to unblock the center lane. The crowd around Haygood's motorcycle blocked the right lane.

Next, in Murray 1-22, 1-23, 1-24 and 2-7, Roger shows up in front of the TSBD, right where he says he was, trying to report what he had seen and heard to someone. Lo and behold, in Murray 1-24 both Roger and Bradley #3* show up. And finally in Murray 1-25, Bradley #3 shows up facing the camera and with the little note pad Craig mentioned stuck in his lefthand coat pocket. If you look at him carefully (the man to the far left) you will see why Craig thought he was Bradley. Except for the hairline, he's a dead ringer. However, you will also see that it is probably not Bradley #1 and probably not Bradley #2. The only way he could have transformed himself into Bradley #2 by the time of the arrest at 1L30 p.m. was to have completely changed clothes, donned a hairpiece (does that sound familiar) and climbed into a box car.

*I'll use this notation: Bradley #1 = the real Bradley; Bradley #2 = the Tramp; Bradley #3 = the guy Craig talked to in front of the TSBD.

Bradley #3 also appears in Murray 2-4 and 1-12. It looks like he may have had two or three kids with him. To track him, start with 1-25, then go to 1-24 and then 2-4, then 1-12. This is backward in time sequence.

Re FLC -- I'm working on blowups of him and the tramp to make comparisons and will send them when finished. I'm enclosing one very bad comparison of FLC and the tramp. Dont' judge by it.

I still think you should contact Salisbury. I'm enclosing his photos. Please return them after you have made copies. He must know who the dark fellow is and may have followed RFK into the pantry. I can't find an extra photo of Beckham, so please return the one enclosed after copying.

Most people reacted negatively to Alcock's request for a continuance of the trial. I did too but after reading Alcock's full statement I'm convinced he did the right thing. Now, the trial is proceeding with Shaw being able to use the Ramsey Clark report by the four doctors, whereas Alcock cannot rebut this evidence by introducing an analysis of all of the photos, X-rays and clothing by an expert team biased in favor of the State of Louisiana. Don't forget, it isn't Jim Garrison prosecuting Clay Shaw, it's the State of Louisiana. Judge Hagarty made it quite clear to the judge in Washington that the autopsy materials themselves were essential to the State's case, and not Clark's report. This precedent opens the door for all sorts of establishment created evidence being introduced by Shaw with no resource available to the prosecution.

Look for new FBI, Secret Service and Justice Department reports and establishment news media material to be released prior to the real start of the trial. Hugh Aynesworth of Newsweek is down there interviewing Garrison's witnesses. Martin Waldron of the N.Y. Times, Harrison Salisbury's "get Garrison" man is there and has already sent in three biased, untrue stories (compared to the truth which, thank God, does appear in the New Orleans papers). You can expect some sleazy reporting by David Chandler for Life and Walter Sheridan and Richard Townley for NBC.

The sleazy reporting is bad enough, but when a snow job is introduced as evidence, then things are really bad. Cyril Wecht knows three of the doctors personally and says they're establishment men with close government and military ties.

Fensterwald will try to arrange for Wecht, Helpern and Forman of Wisconsin to see and analyze the autopsy materials, now that the door is partly open.

Forman completed a detailed study of the bony part of the neck which the report says the first shot passed through. He proved conclusively th at there was no open path for a bullet through the neck without striking a lot of bone.

They will never be able to explain away the holes in JFK's shirt and coat which were not riding up on his neck as Willis 5 and Betzner 3 prove.

= Regards,

(Dick)